

Vice President Waller called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the TF Center for Academics and Technology in Calumet City, IL.

Roll Call:

Present: Ballard, Dodd, Dust, Jackson, Waller

Absent: Oberman, Wilson

1. Communication

- A. Public Comment—None

2. Buildings & Grounds/Safety Committee-Member Ballard

- A. South HVAC Bid Results—Two companies bid and Chicago Heights was the lowest bidder. The bid will be presented at the February meeting for acceptance and in March for contract approval; bids will be open for turf on Friday, February 10th.
- B. Building Rental Administrative Procedures—discussion included developing a procedure to lower costs for the community and not-for-profits recognizing organizations are not charged for space but are charged for kitchen workers and custodians based on the previously approved administrative procedure. The board agreed to keep current rates, give 10% discount to community and not-for-profits and to review the procedure annually. AP will be included on February 28th board agenda for approval.
- C. 23-24 Safety Handbook—The safety committee (Mrs. Oberman is board member representative) met and reviewed the handbook and moved up the timeline to be ready for early registration. There are few changes but starting next school year students must wear IDs and extortion was added to discipline especially considering social media.
- D. Monthly Building Rental Update—working to get money owed from one organization.

3. Curriculum Committee-Member Dust

- A. Feeder School Articulation—administrators/teachers of feeder schools met with district staff related to Math and Spanish. The group worked on articulation and reviewed goals with plans to meet again and in the meantime, teachers are exchanging information.
- B. SAT Prep—all students except seniors took some form of the exam. Initial data shows students need test taking strategies. The district will be offering two sessions, one at North and South; Students will be determined by principals and their teams based on data.
- C. Curriculum Student Feedback—the board was presented a snapshot of the full survey results. As a result, the board will be receiving requests for purchases of resources based on feedback.
- D. School Calendar—will be presented for approval at the February meeting. The calendar was shared with feeder districts and the winter breaks all align, but not the spring breaks. The district had to work around SAT testing.
- E. CTE Course--HVAC 1 (Prairie State College)—a two-year pilot cohort Prairie State dual-credit program could start this summer with a cost of approximately \$23,000 some of which will be funded by the CTE grant. Each student will complete the cohort with certification and ready for full time employment. Bloom High School is also a partner. The program had great interest at the CTE

showcase by students. The student rubric will be used and students must be recommended by a school counselor. Will be brought forward for approval at the February meeting.

4. Finance Committee-Member Dodd

- A. FY 2023 Property Tax Relief Grant—the district was awarded a little over \$2 million which can be abated to go directly to taxpayers.
- B. 2022 Supplemental Levy—\$1.5 million. Last year the district did re-extend it and can extend this year for capital improvements.
- C. 2023/2024 Proposed Student Fees and Waivers—the board approves fees annually. In previous years with covid, the district had reduced fees and have been bringing them back gradually. Part of the fees is to now centralize purchase of PE uniforms for freshmen, so the students have them on the first day of school. A discount is available if families complete registration during early registration. ESSER money is still supporting summer school. Fees will be on the February 28th agenda.

5. I.T. Committee-Member Wilson

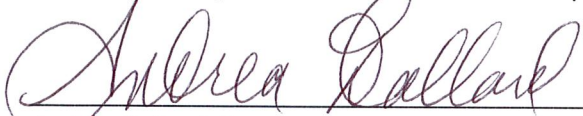
- A. Student 1:1 Chromebook Program—the district is developing a long term, sustainable program developed in concert with curriculum and finance departments. Administration is proposing to keep Chromebooks and work to spread out the purchase. Upon graduation the Chromebooks will become the students' because they have minimal value after four years. This provides equity for families who can't afford a device, also standardizes the devices for teaching and extends classroom learning at home with no excuses. Administration has applied for a WAVE 3 grant and \$341,000 was received. Administration will continue to look at grant money for devices going forward and the district can financially sustain the program.

6. Policy--Member Oberman

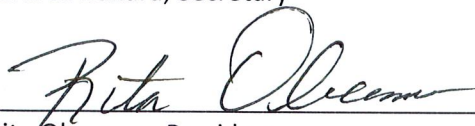
- A. 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest—edits were discussed for second reading/adoption at the February meeting.
- B. 2:150 Board Committees—reference for student advisory group; starting conversation
- C. 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees—edits were discussed for second reading/adoption at the February meeting.
- D. 5:120 Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest—edits were discussed for second reading/adoption at the February meeting.

7. Adjourn

Member Dodd moved, seconded by Member Dust, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Upon voice vote, the motion passed.



Andrea Ballard, Secretary



Rita Oberman, President



Anita Howard, Recording Secretary